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OBTAINED BY CROSSLINKING WITH
SUBSTITUTED POLYETHYLENE GLYCOL, AS
SUPRABSORBANT**

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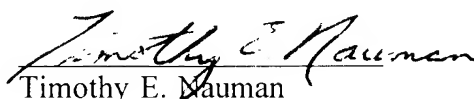
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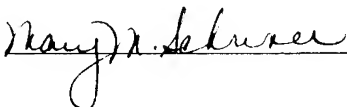
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